

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CALENDAR

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THE CANADIAN MUTE

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1901

Let us think of the deaf children who are looking through the window pane, and sigh the glass dim with their own breath, and shut the sky and landscape from their view.

The Deaf Literary Society.

What will probably be the last literary meeting this session was held in the chapel on the 6th of April. After the preliminary business had been got through with, a debate took place between Messrs. McCarthy and Green, the subject being "Resolved, That an education tends more to greater happiness than wealth." Mr. Green supported the affirmative, and Mr. McCarthy the negative. It was the first time either had taken part in a debate and the subject would have been more ably debated in the hands of experienced members, but Mr. Madden, the president, properly makes it a rule that all should take part in the work of the society and do their best whenever called upon. The judges supported Mr. Green on the affirmative and the debate was awarded to him. Mr. Campbell, who had been invited to give a lecture then took the platform and announced his subject.

Ancient Egypt, the oldest nation of antiquity. The time was much too limited for him to go far into his subject, but by clear and rapid sign work he compressed a great deal of information in the short time he had. The genealogy of the people, origin of the names of some of their cities, the Nile and its value to the country, the pyramids and other mighty works of their ancient people were touched upon. Time did not permit of him telling of the catacombs and other interesting relics or trace the changes down through the ages until the present time when it is under the protectorate of England. At

the close Miss O'Connor moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Campbell for his interesting address which the pupils heartily endorsed. Mr. Campbell after thanking them, said he hoped to come again some other time and finish up the subject.

ELLEN L. BANSBY, Secretary

Easter Time

The associations of Easter, while less joyous than those of Christmas, made a break in the regularity of our school routine which since the New Year has been going on almost uninterruptedly. Good Friday was the only holiday, on other days school and work went on the same as usual. In the morning Mr. Campbell, who was on duty for the week, came out and gave the pupils an address commemorating our Saviour's last hours in the afternoon many of the pupils took walks down town and otherwise spent the time quietly. On Easter Sunday there was the usual egg feast, and in the evening bran new maple syrup tickled the palate. Mr. Forrester conducted the chapel services, "The Risen Lord" being his subject. On Monday evening the last party of the season was held, several teachers from town were present and took part heartily in the various games and pleasures of the evening. The customary bag of good things was distributed and about 10 p. m. all retired.



We did not notice so much April 1st folly as usual this year. A few quiet jokes were got off on the upway but every one seemed on their guard.

The carpenter boys have lately taken down all the storm windows and put them away until the cold blasts of next winter give a need for their services again.

Spring stock taking of the pupils clothing has been going on lately and parents will soon be informed of their children's needs to tide them to the vacation.

Samuel Campbell and Geo. Lowe are both laid up through accidents while playing. The former was engaged in a wrestling bout with some of the other boys and wrenched his ankle, the latter cut his knee on the hard ground while playing foot ball. Sam will have to use crutches for a while and his seat in the shoe shop is being occupied by another boy until he gets well.

A number of our pupils visited a moving picture exhibition given in the city opera house last week. The Queen's funeral and many interesting views of South Africa were shown, also several comic combinations which our boys enjoyed immensely. The big boys paid for their admission but at the Saturday afternoon matinee a crowd of our little fellows who had not the cash were invited in and given free seats by the manager. Our boys voted him a jolly good fellow.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl-chain of all virtues. - Fuller

If we are at peace with God and our conscience, what enemy among men need we fear? - Rosen Ballou

A clergyman while catechising his Sunday school had occasion to ask the children the meaning of the word "epistle." A little girl in the youngest class was so certain that she knew that she did not hesitate a minute, but with the greatest of confidence, answered, "An epistle is the wife of an apostle." - New York Sun

What does Satan pay you for sweating? asked one old man of another. He don't pay me anything was the reply. Well you work cheap to lay aside the character of a gentleman to mislead so much pain on your friends and on evil people and to risk your own precious soul, and for nothing - you certainly do work cheap, very cheap indeed.

PERSONALITIES.

-Mrs. McLaren, of Brockville, was the guest of Mrs. Mathison last week.

Mrs. Countryman, of Prescott, spent Easter at the Institute, on a visit to her little boy.

Mrs. Phelps, of Belleville, and Mr. Anglin, Montreal, were interested visitors at the Institution on the 3rd inst.

Mr. S. G. Gibson, of Hamilton, spent two or three days at the Institution as the guest of his sister, Miss Gibson, of our staff.

Miss Dempsey had the privilege of spending Easter with her friends in Toronto. She enjoyed her brief respite from duty very much.

Miss F. Hill, who lives in Belleville and is a frequent visitor to her old school mates, will shortly remove to Rochester with her parents. She lately lost a dear sister by death.

Ottawa visitors to the city during Easter brought the news that Dr. Smith, formerly of our staff, is still located in the suburbs of Ottawa and building up a good practice.

Among the pleasant visitors at the Institution last week were the Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Johnson, Rosie Wood, of Madoc, Phyllis Bogart, Dorothy Tate and Ruth Deau, of Lindsay.

Mrs. Vennor and Miss Mabel Vennor, of Montreal, and Mrs. Albert Stratton, of Peterborough, and her sons, Masters Wilfred and Reginald, were interested visitors at the Institution a few days ago.

Mr. Moore and his helper have been busy this last few days trimming up the edges of the lawn and loveling the front drive ways. A few warm days will bring our first flowers, the tulips and crocuses up.

A party of Allen Nahrgang's friends - his sister, brother and two cousins, called to see him and spent Easter Monday here. They had travelled all the way from New Hamburg near Berlin, to see him.

Mr. Alexander Labelle, after a four months visit to various parts of Ontario, has gone to Garth, Michigan, where he has secured steady employment. He had a delightful time with old friends, school mates and relatives and looks back with pleasure on the time so pleasantly spent.

We hear that Mr. Hawkins of the Ontario Business College, and well known to many of our old boys, is leaving the city for Montreal. He is a great foot-baller and a power on the defence whenever he plays. Our boys have been baulked of many a goal through his clever head work and superb kicking. While he was a sturdy opponent he was one of the most gentlemanly players that have played on our field and for that reason our boys are sorry he is going away. The loss to the city foot ballers will certainly be our gain as he has played in all the senior matches with whatever team we faced for a long time.

On Monday afternoon the Belleville Deaf and Dumb Institution was visited by Mrs. A. H. Stratton, of Peterboro, and her two little sons, Master Wilfred and Reginald Stratton, Mrs. H. G. Vennor, and Miss Mabel Vennor, of Montreal. Mr. Mathison, Superintendent of the Institute, received the visitors in a most courteous manner, and himself conducted them through the class rooms, main building, hospital, and out buildings, sparing himself no trouble to explain the different departments, and illustrating, through some bright pupils, the wonderful progress the Institute is making with the mutes of our Dominion. Particular mention should be made of the "Articulation classes" and it was with keen interest the visitors noted the aptness of the children in lip reading. A visit was made to the dormitory, and it would be difficult to find a more airy, bright or clean apartment, with its line of spotless beds and polished floor. The "bakery" also was visited, and the crisp and fragrant loaves looked very inviting and appetizing as they lay in neat rows, ready for the evening meal. In one spacious room, many little maidens were busily plying their needles, and Miss Walker very kindly showed the visitors the handwork of her industrious pupils, who have turned out not only dainty fancy work but useful warm garments. Great credit is due Mr. Mathison for perfect order and neatness of everything at the Institute. The bright healthy faces of the children testify to his wise supervision. - Belleville Ontario, April 10th.

Making the Deaf to Hear.

Metropolitan newspapers of recent date contain illustrated articles of a somewhat sensational character describing exhibitions of recent devices by which it is claimed certain deaf persons, commonly called deaf-mutes, have been enabled to hear a great variety of sounds. Very naturally these glowing and sensational statements have attracted the attention of many persons who are deaf, or who are parents or friends of deaf-mutes. To all inquiries addressed to the writer answers have been sent urging caution and thorough trial before investing any cash in any form of device whatever. Until experienced educators of the deaf over their own signatures and in personal communications recommend the purchase of these advertised devices, after long experience and critical tests of their efficiency, deaf persons and the parents and friends of deaf-mute children cannot be too cautious in the matter of purchasing any device to aid the hearing, even if it does bear newspaper endorsements of physicians and others. In any given case no one but a professional expert, having personal familiarity with the case extending over a period of months and even years, is competent to bear witness to the permanent advantage of any device on the market, and it should never be forgotten that it is more unwise to order any device by mail to aid the hearing than it would be to order spectacles by mail, a device found useful in certain cases being useless if not injurious in others. In any case readers of this article are advised to make repeated trial before investing any money in any new device.

Educators of the deaf will remember the deutaphone laid in our schools many years ago and how it was discovered finally that a large proportion of the auricular pupils made as much progress in aural training or the development of hearing without the device as with it. Though that device is useful in a limited number of cases the vast majority of the deaf can make no advantageous use of it whatever. Any device employing any form of microphone, the principle employed in an ordinary carbon telephone transmitter, may have a limited utility in the hands of an expert engaged in developing the rudimentary and fragmentary hearing of certain deaf mutes, but there is no microphonograph at present on the market that meets the requirements of every day use. All known instruments depending upon this principle are too complex in construction or too easily thrown out of adjustment to be trusted to the care and use of any but experts.

As to the development of hearing in the deaf, it will be found in the future, as in the past, that any artificial transmitting apparatus employed is at best a mere convenience, possessing no mysterious power in itself to arouse or train a sense otherwise nonexistent, or practically useless. If the hearing of the deaf is ever developed, or trained to a useful degree, the chief reliance must always be the intelligent, continuous and persistent human element supplied by the instructor himself. This, in fact, is the only essential element, and to it the best mechanical devices are merely so many conveniences. One wise and really skillful expert in developing the hearing of the deaf is worth more for this purpose than all the devices ever exhibited. - Jacksonville Ill. New Era.

He Meant Business.

A Davenport boy went to New York to solicit a position to travel for a whole sale house. He went five times to one establishment, and every time was told that they did not want to engage him. He tried to prevail on them to allow him to make a trial trip, but to no avail. Finally, he proposed to buy a small stock of goods, this was business, and they were ready to sell. He then went on the road on his own account, and made money, so, when the firm saw that he meant business, they were ready to employ him, and he is now wealthy, being a member of the firm. Not a boy in a hundred would have had his persistence after a refusal. There is nothing like courage or faith as an aid to success. Another member of that firm had only fourteen cents when he reached New York to seek his fortune. - Ex.

Whoever has a good temper will be sure to have many other good things.

The man who has sunshine in his heart will show it in his countenance.